



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
May 15, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Animal Care Commission
Submitted by: Dianne Sequoia, Chairperson
Subject: Animal Care Commission 2018 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

In a general meeting held on March 21, 2018, the Animal Care Commission adopted a work plan for 2018 which is presented below.

Motion: O'Day/Sequoia;
To approve the final version of the 2018 ACC Work Plan and send it council.

Aye: Sequoia, Shumer, Guccione, Halpern-Laff, Elkoraibi, Elbasani, O'Day
Nay: None
Motion Passed

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The top priorities of the Animal Care Commission for 2018 are as follows:

1. Infrastructure:
 - a. Berkeley Shelter Dog Play Area Renovation – support the renovation of a healthy, easy-to-clean and durable dog play area for the shelter.
 - b. Dona Spring Memorial – assist with the installation of a memorial to Donna Spring, long-time Berkeley disability rights, environmental and animal welfare activist and Berkeley City Councilmember (Joint effort with all interested).
2. Advocacy
 - a. Homeless and Their Pets – explore the need/contribution ACC could make to efforts to house homeless and their pets in Berkeley.
 - b. Pet-Friendly Housing - research other city models for educating and advocating with landlords and city lawmakers about increasing the amount of pet-friendly housing in Berkeley.
3. Provide Guidance and resources to Berkeley residents on how to co-exist with urban wildlife, particularly coyotes.

The ACC will work with other commissions, including Parks & Waterfront Commission, the Public Works Commission, and non-profit organizations involved in these issues in Berkeley.

BACKGROUND

The Animal Care Commission (ACC) meets six (6) times per year with the mission of overseeing the treatment of animals in all shelters established within Berkeley. The ACC advises the council on the care, treatment and control of animals.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The ACC and the Animal Services Manager will research options and associated costs for renovating the dog play area of the animal shelter. The ACC will research options and associated costs for installing a memorial to Dona Spring at the animal shelter.

The ACC will research ways to assist homeless pet owners to secure housing. The ACC will also research and implement practical means to increase pet-friendly housing in Berkeley.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Renovation of the dog play area at the animal shelter is currently estimated to cost \$17,000. The ACC will provide information regarding the cost of installing a memorial to Dona Spring at the animal shelter.

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